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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Allotments made out of current revenues.

1 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement giving the allotments made out of current revenues and out of loan funds for various departments of Government in the Province during 1945–46, 1946–47 and 1947–48?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table. Further details are given in the publication "Demands for grants and Detailed Budget Estimates for 1947–8" copies of which have been furnished to all the members of the Legislature.

Allotments out of loan funds.

1945–46.

A loan of Rs. 300 lakhs was floated in September 1945 at an issue price of 99½ and a nominal rate of interest of 3 per cent per annum. The entire proceeds of the loan were allotted for capital expenditure and loans and advances to local bodies, agriculturists, etc., as shown below:—

	LAKHS. RS.
Capital outlay on Electricity Schemes.	98·98
Capital outlay on Irrigation Schemes.	16·04
Industrial Development	13·55
Loans to local bodies, etc.	171·43
Total ...	300·00

1946–47.

A loan of Rs. 409·30 lakhs was raised in September 1946 at an issue price of Rs. 100½ and a nominal rate of interest of 2¾ per cent per annum. The allocation according to the March *preliminary* actuals for 1946–47 will be as follows:—

	LAKHS. RS.
Capital outlay on Irrigation Schemes ...	38
Capital outlay on Electricity Schemes ...	73
Industrial Development	12
Loans to local bodies, etc.	58
Total ...	181

[a] Printed as Appendix X on pages 375–376 infra.

Figures of March *final* accounts for 1946–7 have *not* yet been furnished by the Accountant-General. Final allocation of loan proceeds will be made only after the figures for March final accounts have been received.

Allowing for some adjustment in the March final accounts, it is expected that the total amount utilized for capital expenditure and loans and advances to local bodies, agriculturists, etc., in 1946–7 will be about Rs. 2 crores. It is proposed to utilize the balance of about Rs. 2 crores to meet capital expenditure and loans and advances to local bodies, agriculturists, etc., in 1947–8.

1947–48.

The Central Government have promised assistance in the form of loans to finance capital expenditure on Post-War Development Schemes. The Madras Government propose to avail themselves of the assistance offered by the Government of India, but they do not propose to raise a loan in the open market in 1947–8. The amount to be borrowed from the Central Government, the terms of the loan and the allocation of the amount among departments and objects have not yet been finally settled.

Compulsory education in the Province.

2 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the villages and towns in each district of the Province wherein compulsory elementary education has been introduced and the number of students benefited thereby;

(*b*) the amount expended by Government for each of the villages and towns during the three years prior to 31st March 1947 for the imparting of elementary education; and

(*c*) the total amount expended by the Government for each district during the last three years for the above purpose?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the statement[a] appended to the report on Public Instruction for the year 1945–46 which gives particulars of municipalities and rural areas wherein the scheme of compulsory elementary education was introduced before 1st August 1945. In 1945–46 the Government sanctioned a scheme of compulsory elementary education in selected villages in each district and have extended the scheme in 1946–47 also. The names of villages wherein the scheme of compulsory elementary education has been introduced have been published in the

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Fort St. George Gazette from time to time. The reference to the Gazette is given in statement [a] laid on the table of the House.

There is no information as to the number of children attending schools in the areas selected for compulsory elementary education before 1945–46. Under the scheme of compulsory elementary education introduced in 1945–46 it has been estimated that about 1·70 lakhs of children will ultimately be brought to schools. In the areas selected in 1946–47 about 2 lakhs of children will be newly enrolled.

(*b*) & (*c*) The particulars asked for have to be compiled. The time and labour spent will not be commensurate with the results.

Report of the Syndicate Committee of the Andhra University.

3 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have seen the reports of the Syndicate Committee set up by the Andhra University to enquire into the conditions of service, emoluments, etc., of the teachers in the affiliated colleges of the Andhra University; and

(*b*) if so, what the Government propose to do with regard to the grants-in-aid from the Government, urged by the Committee to improve the conditions of service of the teachers in the affiliated colleges of the Andhra University?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Abolition of capital punishment.

4 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish capital punishment?

A.—Not at present.

Quota of rice and sugar allotted to each district.

5 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to lay on the table, a statement showing—

(*a*) the quota of rice and sugar allotted by the Government to each district every month in the last three years ending 31st March 1947; and

(*b*) the quantities actually supplied to districts against the allotted quotas?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Statements [b] showing the information required are laid on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 377–378 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix XIV on pages 379–391 infra.

Constitution of wards in Bellary Municipality.

6 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received by Government that the constitution of the wards in Bellary Municipality was not fair and proper;

(*b*) if so, what action was taken by the Government thereon;

(*c*) whether the wards have been reconstituted on account of the representations and if so, the total number of existing wards of the Bellary Municipality, the number of Muslim and Non-Muslim voters and the total number of voters in each ward; and

(*d*) to which of the wards the Muslim reserved seats have been assigned?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*d*) Government have decided that as there is no time before the ensuing elections to undertake a redistribution of all the wards of the Municipality it would be sufficient if the existing wards XXV and XXVI are combined into a single ward; and have asked the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to take up the question of redistribution of the wards of the Municipality after the elections are over. A statement [a] showing the voting strength of the existing wards is placed on the table of the House.

Memorandum from Sanitary peons.

7 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the sanitary peons;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to change their designation to sanitary maistries instead of peons; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to place them in the superior cadre from the inferior cadre?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The Government have received a memorandum and it is under consideration.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XIII on page 378 infra.